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MAYOR JERRY SANDERS FACT SHEET

MAYOR ANNOUNCES 13.5% DECREASE IN CRIME FOR FIRST QUARTER of 2011

Mayor Jerry Sanders commended the San Diego Police force for their work in continuing to reduce crime in San Diego. The crime rate was down 13.5% in the first Quarter of 2011. This comes after a year in which the crime rate went down 6% in 2010. The Mayor urged police to continue their hard work in the face of what will likely be another challenging year in 2011, given the city's limited resources.

Crime continued to go down in almost every category. Violent crimes; including murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault are down 11.4%. Property crimes; including burglary, theft and vehicle theft are down 13.8%. The largest declines were seen in robberies, which are down 20% and in vehicle thefts, which are down 18.3%.

The mayor praised Police Chief William Lansdowne and his staff for developing and implementing hard line tactics for fighting crime. These tactics vary from community policing to gang-intervention to curfew and truancy laws.

"Our officers deserve all the credit in the world for the hard work they do and the success they have had," Mayor Sanders said. "I am confident that our police force will persist in their goal to reduce crime and keep San Diegans safe."

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